

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MIKE TAYLOR**, on January 31, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Taylor, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Edward Butcher (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dale Berry (R)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 98, 1/28/2001; HB 87,
1/28/2001
Executive Action: SB 98; SB 97; SB 230; SB 201;
SB 78

HEARING ON SB 98

CHAIRMAN MIKE TAYLOR opened the hearing. **SENATOR MIKE SPRAGUE** moved to table the bill. **Motion passed 6 to 3** with **Senator Cocchiarella, Senator Roush** and **Senator Ryan** voting no.

HEARING ON HB 87

Sponsor: **REPRESENTATIVE GAY ANN MASOLO, HD 40, TOWNSEND**

Proponents: **Ingrid Childress, Department of Labor & Industry**
 Representative Carol Juneau, Browning
 Ernie Bighorn, United Indian Association
 Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Missoula
 Sharon Liederman, Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers
 Arlene Parisot, Office of Higher Education
 Sue Mohr, Montana Job Training Project
 Representative Frank Smith, Poplar

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE GAY ANN MASOLO, HD 40, TOWNSEND, said this bill repeals the outdated references of the old job training partnership act to formalize it with the Federal Work Force Investment Act of 1998. It will enable legislation for Montana to receive federal money and also keep it consistent with the federal law. **EXHIBIT (bus25a01)** (Amendments)

Proponents' Testimony:

Ingrid Childress, Department of Labor & Industry, stated that this is simply to bring state law in alignment with federal law.

REPRESENTATIVE CAROL JUNEAU, HD 85, BROWNING, supports the bill. She said this would help provide more federal resources for workers in Montana.

Ernie Bighorn, United Indian Association, said he wanted to add language to the bill that states that Native Americans are a special need population and that they are a hard to serve population.

SENATOR VICKI COCCHIARELLA, MISSOULA, stated that this bill would help workers and business by centralizing services.

Sharon Liederman, Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers, stated she wants the inclusion of Native Americans on the state board, and she supports the amendments.

Arlene Parisot, Office of Higher Education, said they have a focus on the disadvantaged workers and support this bill.

Sue Mohr, Montana Job Training Partnership, recommended that the language be changed to become technically correct.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK SMITH, POPLAR, said he supports the bill and the amendments.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SENATOR DON RYAN asked if they tried to pass these amendments in the House.

REPRESENTATIVE MASOLO said the amendments did not come to them until the last day, so they decided to wait and try to amend the bill in the Senate.

SENATOR GLENN ROUSH asked if the Board has representation of Native Americans.

Ingrid Childress said yes.

Sue Mohr said the amendments would make it a requirement to have Native American representation on the state board.

Closing by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE GAY ANN MASOLO, HD 40, TOWNSEND, closed without comment.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 97

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that **AMENDMENTS 1-3 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously. **EXHIBIT**(bus25a02)

Motion/Vote: SEN. SPRAGUE moved that SB97 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 230

Motion/Vote: SEN. SPRAGUE moved that SB 230 BE TABLED. Motion carried 5-4 with Cocchiarella, Kitzenberg, Roush, and Ryan voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 201

Motion/Vote: SEN. BUTCHER moved that AMENDMENTS TO SB 201 BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 2-7 with Butcher and Taylor voting aye.

Motion/Vote: SEN. SPRAGUE moved that SB 201 BE TABLED. Motion carried 7-2 with Butcher and Taylor voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 78 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (bus25aad)